

# UWAC Greater Yellowstone Caravan — July 2023

*Hosted by Kelli and Ron Araujo*

UWAC had a great turn-out of a dozen or more trailers / motorhomes at our recent 4-stop caravan in the Greater Yellowstone area. The caravan ran 12-nights with 3-night stops in Cody (WY), Hebgen Lake (MT), Emigrant (MT), and Ennis (MT.) The weather was varied but consistently good for our camping and activities.

After an opening reception in Cody, the group embarked on a variety of tours and activities in and around Cody. Some visited the renowned Buffalo Bill Center of the West museums, while others visited Cooke City and Red Lodge via the Chief Joseph Scenic Byway and Beartooth Highway. The scenery along these routes is incredible!

The next stop was at scenic Hebgen Lake just east of Yellowstone. The group had a variety of very fun activities including a day of pontoon boating on the lake, whitewater rafting on the Gallatin River, and a stop at the nearby fun little Happy Hour Bar. Several folks took advantage of the pleasant weather to kayak and long-board on the lake.

The third stop was a scenic campground on the banks of the Yellowstone River near Emigrant, MT. The first night was a delicious BBQ courtesy of the hosts, Ron & Kelli. Another fun activity here was a lazy float down several miles of the Yellowstone, as well as a group dinner at the Old Saloon in Emigrant — the elk meatloaf was excellent! Probably the most unique activity was the evening visit to the nearby mountains to watch with a whole bunch of Grizzly Bears feed on Caraway roots — super fun but we kept a very safe distance.

The final stop was in Ennis, Montana. Two of the nearby attractions that were very popular were Virginia City (old west mining) and Willie's Distillery. In addition to nightly gatherings, the group had a delicious chili dinner courtesy of John Holly (Region 11 1st V.P.) Ennis sits on the Madison River and is truly a hidden gem, especially for fishing.

Special thanks to our hosts Kelli & Ron Araujo, as well as planning assistance from Bonnie & John Ruskauff — this was such a successful caravan, an inspiration for future event planning! Here are a few pictures from the caravan — hope you join us soon!! [p.s. - see the UWAC Facebook page and newsletter for more caravan photos!!]





